

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of CHRISTOPHER MERRILL, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SARAH MERRILL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DARYL PEARSON,

Respondent.

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No. 200438

Antrim Juvenile Court

LC No. 94-000050-NA

Before: Markey, P.J., and Neff and Smolenski, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii), and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii), and (g). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not err in finding that statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant did not show that termination was not in the child's best interest. Thus, the juvenile court did not err in ruling that her parental rights should be terminated. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski